

1994 our Idaho Falls office has not received a single referral from the hospital in more than three (3) years. We also inquired of the other home health agencies in the area and they all indicated they too have not received a single home health referral from the hospital from the hospital for years.

In 1995 we were given minutes of a meeting wherein the DNS at the hospital instructed the nursing staff to refer only to the hospital's home health agency. We interviewed and have recorded conversations with post hospital home health patients who state they were never given a choice of providers. We ever had one of our own employee's family member request our agency upon hospital discharge and they were still admitted to the hospital's agency.

#### B. MONTPELIER, IDAHO

We opened our home health agency there in 1992. The only local hospital opened their home health agency in 1994. Between 1992 and 1994 we received hospital referrals on a regular basis. Since 1994 not another agency in Montpelier, including ours, has received a hospital home health referral.

#### C. AMERICAN FALLS, IDAHO

We opened our agency there in 1994. The hospital opened their home health agency in 1995. For nearly two (2) years we received hospital home health referrals on a regular basis. Since the hospital opened their agency not another home health agency in American Falls has received a hospital home health referral.

#### D. BLACKFOOT, IDAHO

We opened our agency there in 1992 and received regular referrals from the physician owned Blackfoot clinic. In 1995 the doctor owned clinic opened a home health agency. Since they opened their own agency, we have not received a single home health referral. Each doctor owns more than 5% and each doctor signs home health certifications. We advised HCFA and our intermediary of this fact years ago and to date neither has done anything to our knowledge.

#### E. SODA SPRINGS, IDAHO

We opened our office there in 1993. Between 1993 and 1995 we regularly received hospital referrals. Since Hospital X opened its own agency in 1995 we have not, nor has any other agency received a hospital home health referral.

Traditionally, hospitals account for about thirty to forty (30-40%) of home health referrals for free standing agencies. Our experience proves in service areas, where hospitals have opened their own agencies, that figure normally decreases to about 0 to 1%. We have repeatedly tried to correct this situation through meetings with hospital employees. We have written the Governor, the Attorney General, met with state and national congress people. We have written letters to HCFA, our intermediary, and the OIG. To date, no one has offered any assistance. Hospitals are reimbursed normally twice what we receive from Medicare for the identical service. Why the proper authorities fail or refuse to respond to these facts is unknown. Had our agency provided the care we would have saved millions of tax payor dollars.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. BACON,  
Vice President and General Counsel.

### TRIBUTE TO SISTER PATRICIA LYONS

#### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 1996*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my district's most dedicated and caring individuals, Sister Patricia Lyons. Sister Patricia is being honored for a lifetime of exemplary service to her community. I wish that I could have joined with her colleagues, friends, former students, and family last Friday to celebrate her remarkable accomplishments.

Over 50 years ago, Sister Patricia founded and served as the first director of the Garden School at Dominican College in San Rafael. At Garden School, Sister Patricia has introduced generations of youngsters to the joys of math and reading, the challenges of computers, and the freedom of expression through art. Through her work for the Garden School, which was the first school for early childhood education in Marin County, Sister Patricia has touched the lives of over 3,000 children.

Through her work Sister Patricia has instilled in her students a sense of social responsibility and concern for other cultures, while providing a strong academic base that ensures their future success. Today her classroom is filled with the children and grandchildren of former students, and this multigenerational tradition testifies to the love and high esteem in which Sister Patricia is held by her community. In addition to numerous awards and honors, Sister Patricia has been named Marin County's Private Schoolmaster of 1996.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay tribute to Sister Patricia Lyons during this special evening at Dominican College. Marin County owes a great deal of gratitude for the tireless efforts of Sister Patricia. She has long championed the importance of early childhood education in our community. I extend my hearty congratulations and best wishes to Sister Patricia for continued success in the years to come.

### TRIBUTE TO ANTONIO B. ECLAVEA

#### HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 1996*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the Department of the Army expects personal and professional ethics, integrity, confidence, and competence from its warrant officers. In addition, they are required to possess tactical knowledge, progressive levels of expertise, and leadership qualities to justify the existence of this tier in the Army rank structure.

Recent problems stemming from early separations resulted in the implementation of changes within the warrant officer tier. As part of the fiscal year 1992-93 National Defense Authorization Act, the Warrant Officer Management Act became law. As a result, the new grade CW5 was created in order to keep the most senior and most experienced warrant officers in service.

Although the first warrant officers promoted to the rank of CW5 were selected in 1992, it

was not until 1992 that the first active duty CW5's were appointed by the Army. One of the selectees, Antonio B. Eclavea, a native son of Guam, holds the distinction of being the first Army warrant officer to be promoted to CW5 in the Adjutant General Corps.

Born in Agaña, Guam on September 9, 1934, CW5 Eclavea first entered military service through the U.S. Air Force. After rising to the rank of master sergeant, he traded his Air Force stripes for warrant officer's bars when he joined the Army in 1969.

For over 34 years, CW5 Eclavea served on various posts including tours of duty in Vietnam, Taiwan, Germany, and the Republic of Korea. He was also stationed to a number of stateside locations prior to serving as special assistant to the Chief of Staff of the Army. In addition to completing the Army Adjutant General Course and the Master Warrant Officer Course, he also received a bachelor of science degree in economics and business administration from Marymount College in Salina, KS. Awards and decorations conferred to him include, among others, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal.

On Guam, the personal accomplishments and success of native sons and daughters are always celebrated and adopted as triumphs for everyone in the community. By virtue of the great contributions his military career has made toward the strength and security of this Nation and by being one of the first to be promoted to the grade of CW5, Antonio B. Eclavea has brought great recognition to himself, the island of Guam, and its people. On behalf of the people of Guam, I congratulate CW5 Eclavea for his outstanding achievements. I also join his wife, Rose Marie, and his sons Johnny, Anthony, Michael, and Mark Henry in proudly celebrating his great accomplishments.

### TRIBUTE TO HERBERT WEBB, M.D. OF EFFINGHAM, IL

#### HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 17, 1996*

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate a constituent of the 19th Congressional District, who for countless hours has demonstrated the real meaning of selflessness, Dr. Herbert Webb. On September 20, 1996, Dr. Herbert Webb will celebrate 50 years of service as a physician in the city of Effingham, IL. Not only is Dr. Webb an outstanding doctor, he has been an active member of the community since 1946. This commitment to the people of Effingham serves as an example to us all.

Dr. Webb began his medical career when he graduated from Sydney College in Virginia in 1938. Four years later he received his medical degree from the Medical College in Richmond. He entered the U.S. Army in 1942, serving his country during World War II, and was honorably discharged in 1946.

Dr. Webb's leadership has elevated him in his career to the point where he now serves as chief of the surgery department and president of the medical staff in St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital. For many years he has been